[17th February 1959

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 57 asked by Sri G. Krishnamoorthy at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 17th February 1959, page 99 supra.]

Steps taken to expedite the closure and settlement of the Provident Fund accounts of retired teachers in non-pensionable service.

Instructions have been issued by the Director of Public Instruction to the Inspecting Officers—

(i) to check up on the proper maintenance of Teachers' Provident Fund recordes at the time of their inspection and visits to offices and institutions under their control;

(ii) to see that subscribers to the Teachers' Provident Fund apply to the postal authorities for their used-up pass books then and there and that the pass books are collected by the managers and forwarded to the officers for safe custody till the time the accounts have to be closed; and

(iii) to undertake a scrutiny of all the Teachers' Provident Fund case files of teachers and take steps to ask the managements to apply for copies of post office ledger entries in cases where used-up pass books are not available.

2. Instructions are also issued periodically to the officers detailing the records, statements, certificates, etc., that should be sent to the Accountant-General, when claiming Government contribution and advising the officers to see that omissions are avoided to enable the Accountant-General to pass the Government contribution quickly.

3. Powers have been delegated to the District Educational Officers and Inspectresses for the condonation of belated deposits in respect of Provident Fund accounts of the teachers without any limit on the length of the delay, and also for forwarding claim for Government contribution direct to the Accountant-General, even after three years after closing the accounts.

4. Quarterly statements of pending cases of closure of Teachers' Provident Fund accounts of teachers are called for by the Director and they are reviewed and instructions are given wherever necessary for expeditious closure of the cases. Where bad delays are noticed on the part of the correspondents in furnishing the required particulars to the officers they are addressed by the Director of Public Instruction directly and action is pursued to make them furnish the particulars to facilitate the quick disposal of the cases.

5. The Director of Public Instruction has been empowered to relax 13 (*a*) of the Teachers' Provident Fund Rules where necessary to waive the production of certain records required under that rule.